

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims by canceling all pending claims 1-12. Please insert the following new claims.

13. (New) A memory card reader comprising:
a housing defining a slot shaped and dimensioned to receive a first memory card therein,
and a memory card storage mechanism to store at least one second memory card therein; and
an electronic component to read the first memory card.
14. (New) The memory card reader of claim 13, wherein the storage mechanism is defined by a recess formed in the housing, the recess being shaped and dimensioned to receive the second memory card therein.
15. (New) The memory card reader of claim 13, wherein a part of the housing adjacent the recess is cut-away to define a gap into which a finger can be inserted to facilitate removal of the second memory card from the recess.
16. (New) The memory card reader of claim 13, wherein the storage mechanism is defined by a second slot shaped and dimensioned to receive the second memory card therein.
17. (New) The memory card reader of claim 16, wherein the storage mechanism comprises a card ejector mechanism to facilitate removal of the second memory card from the second slot.

18. (New) The memory card reader of claim 16, wherein the storage mechanism further comprises a memory card retaining mechanism to retain the second memory card in the slot therefor.
19. (New) The memory card reader of claim 13, wherein the memory card storage mechanism stores at least two second memory cards.
20. (New) A housing for a memory card reader, the housing comprising:
 - a first slot shaped and dimensioned to receive a first memory card therein while said memory card is being read by an electronic component; and
 - at least one storage mechanism shaped and dimensioned to store at least one second memory card therein.
21. (New) The housing of claim 20, wherein the storage mechanism is defined by a recess formed in the housing, the recess being shaped and dimensioned to receive the second memory card therein.
22. (New) The housing of claim 20, wherein a part of the housing adjacent the recess is cut-away to define a gap within which at least a portion of a finger can be inserted to facilitate removal of the second memory card from the recess.
23. (New) The housing of claim 20, wherein the storage mechanism is defined by a second slot shaped and dimensioned to receive the second memory card therein.
24. (New) The housing of claim 23, wherein the storage mechanism further comprises a card ejector mechanism to facilitate removal of the second memory card from the second slot.

25. (New) The housing of claim 23, wherein the storage mechanism further comprises a memory card retaining mechanism to retain the second memory card in the second slot.

26. (New) The housing of claim 20, wherein the memory card storage mechanism stores at least two second memory cards.